

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A skin massage device (10);

the device comprising a handset (100; 200; 300) connected to a machine body; said handset (100; 200; 300) in turn comprising a chamber (102; 202) closed by a deformable membrane (103; 203) which at least partly adheres to a patient's skin (S) by virtue of a vacuum generated in said chamber (102; 202) by a vacuum generating device (12);

~~and the device (10) being characterized by comprising~~ wherein the device (10) comprises means (13) for producing a variable vacuum in said chamber (102; 202) to deform said membrane (103; 203) thereby lifting, folding, compressing, and smoothing the patient's skin (S); ~~and so lift, fold, compress, and smooth the patient's skin (S) as to perform the massage cycle set by the operator.~~

wherein said membrane (103) comprises a central portion (103b) having at least one hole (103c) for lifting a portion (S1) of the skin (S); and two lateral portions (103d, 103e), thicker than said central portion (103b), which are movable by the vacuum generated inside the chamber (102); and

wherein said lateral portions (103d, 103e) each has two projections (103f, 103g).

Claims 2-8 (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A device (10) as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said membrane (103; 203) is disposable.

10. (Currently amended) A device (10) as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said membrane (203) comprises a central through hole (204); an ultrasound emitting device (210) being housed in said central through hole (204);

wherein each lateral portion (203d, 203e) has through holes (211, 212) by which to lift and treat portions (S2, S3) of the skin (S), while a central portion (S1) of skin is subjected solely to the action of said ultrasound emitting device (210).

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) A device (10) as claimed in Claim 1 , wherein said handset (100; 200; 300) has means for activating and programming said device.

14. (Currently amended) A device (10) as claimed in Claim [[1]] 13, wherein said means (11) for activating and programming said device is ~~are~~ programmable to perform pulsating treatment cycles of a patient's skin (S) as determined by an operator.

15. (New) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lateral portions each has through holes by which to lift and treat the skin.

16. (New) A device according to claim 10, wherein said membrane comprises a collar around said central through hole; said ultrasound emitting device being fixed to said collar.